561 /77 cont./
701 Mixed, light colors are the symbol of fickleness, frivolity, flighty,
702 childlike, and childish sentiments; they are not proper for adult men
152 with a serious conception of life. The festival lasts about a month
865 as a rule. During it the youths practice handling the weapons, tell
[822] each other gruesome war stories, which they have heard from warriors or invented themselves, and thus stimulate their imaginations, just as the reading of Indian and pirate stories does this on occasion among
[276] European boys. They artificially make themselves positively wild, to which also the taking, still strange to them, of various roots and barks with a nerve-stimulating effect (which will be discussed later), which they add to the cooking meat, contributes a great deal. All their yearning is directed toward war and murder, everything in them is pressing toward killing an enemy, and enemies for them are all non-Masai. Each of them would like soon to be no longer an ebor alem =
[721] white, that is to say, not yet dyed with blood, sword. Not infrequently they turn against defenseless caravans if such happen to be in the vicinity. Whether or not spoils are to be taken in this is of no importance, only killing and murdering, they do not think any further. Many attacks on caravans have come about in this way. Such opportunities, however, are always rarities for individual troop of youths.
561 The rule is a war expedition against a sedentary tribe. After the
701 fighting, the el barnot again return to the paternal kraal to live there
702 a few more years. During this time they attach themselves more and
[721] more closely to the warriors, in order to learn from them and to improve themselves in the art of war. They accompany the warriors on their raids and now and then also take part in their forest meals. Nevertheless they do not gain admittance into the warrior kraal, which is just as wounding to their self-confidence as the circumstance that they are looked down upon by the warriors and treated almost like boys. The wish to be on an equal footing with the warriors grows ever keener in them. But they still lack two things for that: the name for their age class and the shield escutcheon.

561 In order to request the bestowal of the former from the ol oiboni,
[791] a gathering (eñ giguana) (1)

1. Any gathering for a consultation is called this.